

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Defendant,

ERICK GRAHAM, *et al.*,

Defendant-Intervenors,

and

OSCAR STILLEY,

Defendant-Intervenor.

Case No. 1:21-cv-00796-RP

DEFENDANT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND ITS ANSWER DEADLINE

The State of Texas's current deadline to file a responsive pleading is October 20, 2021. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(4)(A). In light of appellate proceedings, Texas respectfully requests that the Court extend that deadline. An extension would promote judicial economy and preserve party resources without causing any unnecessary delay.

The federal government has represented that it intends to file a motion to stay proceedings in this Court. In light of that forthcoming motion, Texas moves the Court to extend its answer deadline until fourteen days after the Court either (1) denies the federal government’s stay motion or (2) lifts any stay of proceedings in this Court.

The federal government does not oppose this motion, nor do Intervenor-Defendants Graham, Tuley, Sharp, and Stilley.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that between Wednesday, October 13, and Friday, October 15, 2021, I conferred with counsel for the federal government and counsel for the intervenor-defendants, who informed me that their clients do not oppose this motion.

/s/ William T. Thompson

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) on October 15, 2021, and that all counsel of record were served by CM/ECF. I further certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document will be emailed to *pro se* Intervenor Oscar Stilley at oscarstilley@gmail.com.

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